

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on February 4, 1999 at 3:05 P.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)  
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)  
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)  
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)  
Rep. John Cobb (R)  
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)  
Rep. Dick Haines (R)  
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)  
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)  
Rep. Matt McCann (D)  
Rep. Red Menahan (D)  
Rep. Ray Peck (D)  
Rep. Lila Taylor (R)  
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)  
Rep. John Witt (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary  
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Minutes were recorded on a Sony BI-85 recorder and references are measured in inches rather than minutes.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 378, HB 414, HB 422,  
2/1/1999

HEARING ON HB 422

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Cindy Younkin, HD 28, presented HB 422.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 44}

Proponents' Testimony:

Laurie Neils, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 44 - 104}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 104 - 246}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 246 - 270}

HEARING ON HB 378

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, HD 15, presented HB 378.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 270 - 415}

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

Wayne Buchanan

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 415 - 488; Comments :  
This witness did not sign the visitors register.}

Lance Melton, General Counsel Montana School Boards Association

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - ~~EXHIBIT~~(aph28a01)}

Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association (MEA), Montana  
Teachers Federation (MFT)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 71 - ~~EXHIBIT~~(aph28a02)}

Don Waldron, Montana Rural Schools Association

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 231 - 245}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 245 - Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 116}*

Closing by Sponsor:

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 116 ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph28a03)}*

HEARING ON HB 414

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Royal Johnson, HD 10, presented HB 414 following introductions by Wayne Buchanan. ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph28a04)

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 167 - 250}*

Proponents' Testimony:

Wayne Buchanan

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 250 - 254; Comments : This witness did not sign the visitors register.}*

Bill Cooperman

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 254 - 257; Comments : This witness did not sign the visitors register.}*

Eric Feaver, MEA, MFT

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 257 - 266}*

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 266 - 300}*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

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JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (aph28aad)